



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Families

Welcome back for the new half-term. I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing half-term week; and were able to enjoy fun activities as a family.

Our children have returned looking smart, focused and ready to learn. Their behaviour and attitude to learning has been excellent. It has been a real pleasure to walk around the school.

On Monday, our teachers and LSAs had a staff INSET on effectively supporting children with autism in school. We have noticed that we have more children who could be considered as neurodiverse, which includes autism. Many neurodiverse people are extremely intelligent with special qualities. The training was very informative for staff, and will enable us to be far more attuned to meeting the needs of all of our children.

Earlier this week, I met with four members of our PTA. They have such exciting plans for the remainder of the school year.

Next week is Book Week. Mrs Johnson, our English lead, has planned a range of activities for the children to engage in. On Thursday, for World Book Day, the children can come into school dressed as their favourite BOOK CHARACTER.

Do have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder

**Headteacher**

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Value for the term –  
Orderliness

“  
The real beauty of life is in  
orderliness.

# WORLD BOOK DAY

Our children will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.

Come dressed as your favourite book character.

## PTA Valentines competition

Thank you to all the children that entered the competition, your entries were incredible and we loved reading them all!

With the help of Ms Alder, the winners are:

Reception - Gracie

Year 1 - Shanaya and Max

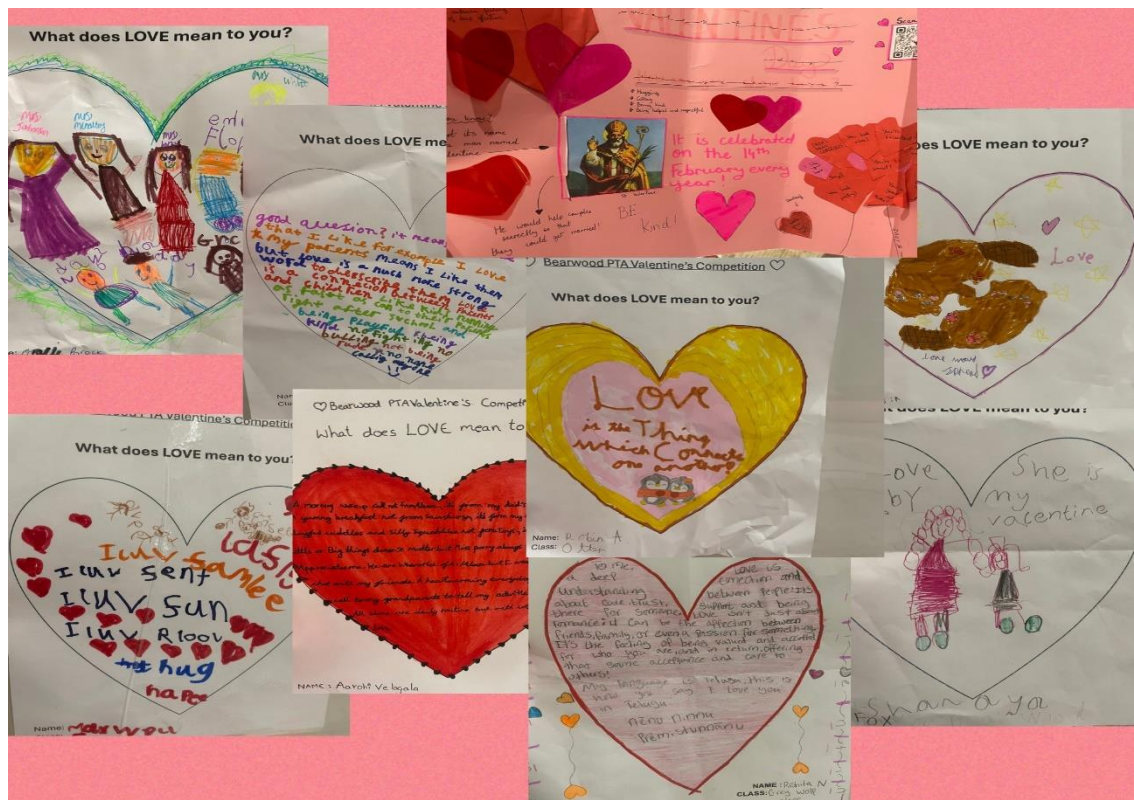
Year 2- Elyssia

Year 3 - Jaibir

Year 4 - Nikilesh and Aarohi

Year 5 - Robin

Year 6 - Rishita



# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Maybelle  
Beaver – Jude FB  
Red Kite – Sehbaaz  
Red Squirrel – Lucien  
Dormouse – Niki  
Badger – Charlie  
Otter – Milo  
Grey Wolf – Skylar

## Sports Star Awards

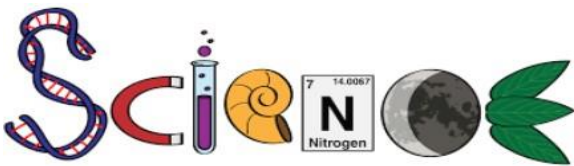
Fox – Srishti  
Beaver – Dana-Rose  
Red Kite – Emily  
Red Squirrel – Karam & Izaan  
Dormouse – Dylan  
Badger – Darren  
Otter – Trevor  
Grey Wolf – Rishita & Kindah



### This week's winners of TTRS 'Battle of the Bands'

*LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 195 points*

*UKS2 Winners – Otter 58 points*



### Scientist of the week!

*LKS2 – No Scientist this week.*

*UKS2 – Robin*

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – LKS2 Tag Rugby – 15:30-17:00 (Invite only)
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day & UKS2 In2 Hockey – 15:00-18:00 (Invite only)
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – attendance medals assembly
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – last day of Spring term – school closed at 2pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – children return
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Jewish Passover assembly
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Sikh Vaisakhi assembly
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year Six SATs
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Muslim Eid assembly
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 2pm – Country Dancing Show to parents
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Summer half-term
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - INSET
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – children return
- W/C 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year One Phonics Screening Check
- W/C 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year Four Multiplication Tables Check
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – Red Squirrel Class assembly
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – Beaver Class assembly
- W/C Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year Six residential
- W/C 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year Six secondary transition day
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – GRT History Month assembly
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – new classes
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 9am – Fox Class assembly
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – reports home
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 3:30 to 5pm – Parents' Evening drop-in
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm – Year Six production to parents
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 6:30pm – Year Six production to parents
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – end of year class parties



### Weekly Updates!

For pictures and information on what each class has been doing this week or enrichment activities that have taken place please click on the year group below or visit the school gallery.

EYFS

KS1

LKS2

UKS2



School success starts  
with attendance

### Weekly Attendance

Brown Bears –99.4%

Fox –98%

Beaver –94.8%

Red Kite –100% *Winner*

Red Squirrel –93.8%

Dormouse –99.5%

Badger –100% *Winner*

Otter –94.3%

Grey Wolf –98.1%



Please ensure you call or email each day your child is absent.

We spend a lot of time calling parents that have not called in to report an absence. Please ensure you report an absence before 9am.



# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

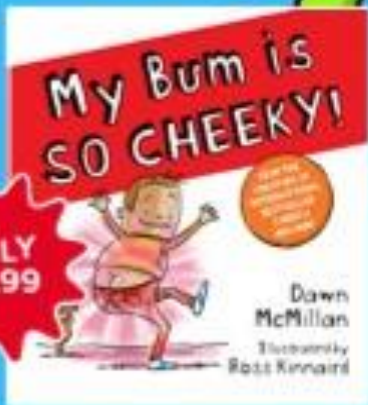


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## **Household Support Fund can help you**

There's more than £500,000 available to help Wokingham Borough residents through the Household Support Fund this winter. You can apply if you're struggling to pay for:

- Food
- Bills
- Energy costs
- Other everyday essentials

The Household Support Fund has been allocated by the Department for Work and Pensions to councils in England to pass on money to residents who need it.

What you're entitled to depends on your situation:

- Free school meal families - £15 per week, per child during the school holidays for each child receiving means-tested free school meals
- Pensioners, carers and disabled people – one off grant of £120
- All other households – one off grant of £60

The current round covers October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Do not re-apply if you've already got a payment recently.

**If you successfully applied for a Household Support Grant between 1 April and 30 September 2024, you will automatically get another payment this winter. It will be paid six months after your last payment. You do not need to re-apply.**

**Apply now: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-living/household-support-fund>**



# Wokingham World Autism Awareness Day



Wednesday 2nd April



2:00



7:00

2pm to 7pm, book & drop-in when suits you



The Oakwood Centre,  
Woodley, RG5 4JZ  
(nearby parking and buses - details on booking page)

**ALL WELCOME –**

**NEURODIVERGENT PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, FAMILIES, PROFESSIONALS...**

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